

Some of the labor officials who were indicted in Logan county for putting an army in the field last summer were called in court and they asked for a change of venue, preferring to be tried in some other county than Logan, the county that threw a thin long line of defenders along the Spruce Ridge to keep back the invaders. The court seems to have left the question of the county to the lawyers on either side, and the attorneys for the State decided that they would agree to Pocahontas county or to Logan county. The attorneys for the defendants countered with a proposition that they would submit twenty counties in a list to the other side and allow it a choice, or as an alternative, the State could list twenty counties, and let the defense pick out one in which to go through the ordeal of being tried.

After much debate, the State gave as an ultimatum, Logan or Pocahontas, and the defense seems to have considered that to be like the choice between hell and high-water. And when court adjourned, there had been no county named in which to have the trial.

In a disdainful sort of way, the citizens of Pocahontas county heard of the objections raised by the defense to being put in jeopardy of their lives and liberty in Pocahontas County. They, the defendants, said that a great throng of people and a great cloud of witnesses would be on hand at the trial and that Pocahontas County did not have hotel accommodations for the visitors. In other words, that the play could not be well staged here. That if they brought their suits here as the old time Britons rode to Westminster, and camped in the mud, that they, the union officials, could not sleep so soft, nor feast so high, as in Parkersburg, for instance, or some other great town of the State.

That is true in a great measure, but as a matter of fact, the hospitality of the people of this county is very elastic and so far nobody has suffered, and the county seat often puts up a thousand or so visitors without any great strain on the equipment.

We cannot imagine anything short of the plague that would be as unwelcome as one of these big coal country trials such as we had here in 1920, and such as Greenbrier has suffered from in 1921. But we all learned some time ago that all such things may be expected in a day's work and while it is a relief to us not to have to go through one of these long drawn out, nerve racking trials, we do not feel that the reason given was all the reason for not wanting to face the music in this county. There was something specious about the argument that they did not want to come here because they would be crowded.

With the indicted persons flitting hither and yon to be tried it is fast becoming a case of "cussed's his last stand," and a vain hunt for new ground to wrestle upon.

We are rather proud of our county as a place in the bush where God and man may meet. The way of the transgressor is hard, and the clear headed law abiding men of this county, are determined that law and order shall not perish from the earth. At vast expense and trouble they are driving this fact home to the consciousness of the lawless, and thank the Lord, a brighter day seems to be breaking. The courts and juries of this county have had a most strenuous time in the year of our Lord, 1921, but the sweet remembrance of the just, shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

The wicked shall see it and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

An unfortunate friend of ours once said that there were thirteen reasons why he did not want to be tried in this his native county. And every one of his reasons was a good one.

They say that that the divorce evil is growing, that is that there are more divorces now per couple than before, and that we must all try to remain more steadfast in this matter of marriage. As a matter of fact, there ought to be very few divorce cases, and the most of them grow out of a perversity of imagination which always causes every one to think that he is badly placed in this life. That is human nature. The best that can be done out of this unhappy sinful nature of things is to endure. Divorce laws are wise, but like a good many other severe laws, there are to be reserved for desperate cases.

We are very skeptical about that thing that you read about in books called happy marriages. We do not believe that persons can be joined as closely as matrimony joins them and be entirely free from clashes, for just as there is no happiness except such as is measured by comparison with sorrow, so there can be no such things as peace without war, for these things all go by comparison. And it is likely that if this could be impressed upon the minds of the high contracting parties, they would drag along together until a state of toleration was reached, instead of having a law suit about it.

There are myriads of couples who are counted as happily married who have come through periods of distress, anger, humiliation, and all kinds of domestic trouble, and who have been steadfast, and who have been richly rewarded for that modicum of patience which kept them from separating and going down into misery and depression.

In the old days in Wales, they had a custom that was effective in preventing family quarrels and was meant to influence ladies who lost their tempers and hit their husbands with deadly weapons like brooms, lings and rolling pins. When such practices got to be public so as to scandalize the neighborhood, the neighbors had a custom trial. They met at the court house, and neither husband nor wife was present.

Twelve men were made a jury and another was a judge. The husband had an attorney, and the wife had an attorney, and there was a public trial at which the evidence was heard as to whether the angry wife yielded to an irresistible impulse to beat up her husband. If a verdict of guilty was brought in, the judge pronounced the sentence of death. An eddy of the woman was then constructed and conveyed to a gallows in the public square, and there hanged, and fired at by the crowd until it was completely destroyed. It is said that this custom did much towards keeping down family quarrels.

We cannot take a stand against divorces for there are so many meritorious cases that the law is absolutely necessary. But fully two thirds of the cases are such that the parties only think they have unusual troubles in double harness, and if they had been willing to endure a little longer, their lives need not have been wrecked by the divorce proceedings.

"Patience; accomplish thy labor, accomplish thy work of affection. Sorrow and silence are strong, and patience endurance is godlike. Therefore accomplish thy labor of love, till the heart is made godlike. Purified, strengthened, perfected, and rendered more worthy of heaven."

The nations have been getting acquainted with each other in Washington at the national talk feast on the question of a naval holiday. They have been having a perfectly delightful time and if there was any delegate who wanted to make a speech and who was not given an opportunity to do so, we have not heard of the instance.

They have that man Wells up there to write about it, and he is a trouble breeder, for he knows a lot about it, and does not realize that he does not know it all. But he has had to write so much that his thoughts have been pretty well covered up by words until they are harmless. Once in a while a headline shows where he is submerged and where to look for his torpedoes.

There is no question but that the building of these absurd battleships have been stopped. It has reached a point when it was about as expensive and useless as would be the piling of one mountain on top of another. It took as much money to build a battleship as it would take to build, equip, and maintain a university the size of Yale. They built a battleship called the West Virginia the other day and got it to the point where it was sent sliding down the ways into the water, where it stands a good chance to be scrapped. If this battleship were finished, the sum required would be sufficient to connect every county seat in West Virginia with a class A road something that we held an election over and for which it will take years and years to raise the money.

In addition to the result that is sure to follow of diverting the money for battleships to the road funds, the President has taken this opportunity of trying to promote peace by a sort of a gentleman's agreement not to fight until an opportunity is given some international body to adjust the differences. It is along the line of the League of Nations, to which we do not have the honor to belong, being prevented therefrom by the ghostly shapes of a dead past. It is a matter of opinion as to whether it is a better or worse position than to belong to the League of Nations, but there is no question but what the President shows that his heart is in the right place in making the suggestion. And that he does not make it depend upon the Senate, shows that his head is in the right place, for the Senate is composed of many men of many minds.

To resolve to do right. That is the proper course. We have yet to hear that there is any other true course.

After all the national life is not different from the individual life—not to give offense, but at the same time to have the courage to defend ourselves, even to the extent of believing that the best parry is a thrust.

For the last six weeks it has been raining and the skin of the earth is pretty well saturated. If we had only believed that the Lord would provide, how much we would all have enjoyed the fine weather of the spring, summer and fall. But the thirsty land got on our nerves and the falling springs filled us all with fear and apprehension. In a mountain country like ours, the fact that we can usually count on rains to keep everything fresh and beautiful in the warm months is the one thing that we have over and above the easy life in the lowlands.

One man of mature years was so much affected by the continued drought that he allowed that it looked like the beginning of the end of the world. It is one of the most difficult matters to remember as we get near the end of our earthly tether, that we ourselves are getting old and are falling and not the world.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their

hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord; for a name, for an everlasting sign, and shall not be cut off.

The other day when we were wandering through the woods we came to an old field that was grown up with brush and briars but which had patches of sod struggling against adversity. In this sod there were some little funnel like holes where the skunk had been digging down to get the grub that lives in the grass roots and which does so much harm to the sod in a grazing country. And we approved of the next way in which the wild animal had been fighting our fight and removing the enemy of the essential grass. And when we came to think of it, it seemed to us that here was an animal which had no faults and which was a true friend to man.

It may be that occasionally the skunk will come pestering around the farm house. But if it is not disturbed it will take itself off without offending anyone. When it does come to the home premises, it seems to be attracted by the spring house and it will go in and look around and often be found there doing no apparent harm, but just hanging around, probably attracted by the milk and butter. Then if the folks raise a rumpus and scare the skunk, it may happen that in its fright and panic of being attacked, it will throw off the contents of its scent bag and spoil the spring house for weeks. But if left alone it will go away without doing any damage. If the housewife is nervous and cannot wait the pleasure of the unwelcome visitor, the right way to eject it is to take it by the tail and holding the tail down gently steer it into the open air. We have seen this done but have never practiced it. The Fabian policy is the best. Wait until the skunk goes away. The theory of the tail hold is that it cannot throw a spray of perfume without erecting its tail.

There is a statement made by a certain school that the skunk is good for food along with the muskrat, the groundhog, and some other smellers, but we never hanker after the skunk as that kind of a game animal. It surely would have a wild taste. The real danger that the skunk undergoes is his valuable fur coat, for our women must walk gay, and money buys their gear, and trappers find a way, to get them year by year. There is a conflict in the minds of the game preservers and just at this time there is a sort of compromise statute on the books that permits the skunk to be taken in December and January and protects it the rest of the year, though the law will not be perfect until it finds a way to remove the pelts without injury to the animal. For as it is now, when a skunk has his hide taken away his usefulness is over.

Walking a little further through the old improvement, we came upon the sign of a trapper. A big round flat piece of rock which would weigh about fifty pounds was resting at an angle of about forty-five degrees on the sod supported by an arrangement of sticks that looked like the figure four, and on the trigger end were two large bits of beef, one cooked and one raw. This is what is called a deadfall and was meant to attract the polecat to his destruction.

The law is not very well promulgated through the State, that is, we find that a number of persons do not know that the skunk is protected at all, and at this time the game authorities are trying to impress on the public mind that the skunk must be let alone for ten months in the year.

The other day in the closed season the chief deputy of this state was in a considerable sized town in central West Virginia, when he met in Main Street, a small boy proudly swinging the carcass of a fine polecat. It being in the line of his employment, the game warden engaged the boy in conversation and the boy told him that he had caught it in a trap. Then the game warden told him his interest in the subject and asked him if he did not know it was against the law to take polecats in November. The boy looked scared and threw the polecat at the feet of the officer and ran away as hard as he could go, and the officer has not seen him since. He left the fragrant carcass with a neighbor and told him to give it back to the boy and tell him not to catch any more polecats out of season.

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**Trustee's Sale**

Pursuant to authority vested in me by deed of trust, dated on the 24th day of April, 1921, executed by C. E. Carpenter, to me as trustee to secure the Bank of Marlinton in the payment of a note of \$2000.00, which deed of trust is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in trust deed book number 12 at page 58, I will on

Saturday, November 27th 1921, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the court house of said county, in the Town of Marlinton, West Virginia, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following real and personal property conveyed in said deed of trust.

A tract of land in the Town of Cass, known as the Cass Theatre property, and also known as lot No. 9 of the Clayton Addition, being the same land described in a conveyance to the said C. E. Carpenter by John S. Hahnah by deed of record in the office of the clerk of the county court of Pocahontas County, in deed book No. 58 at page 338.

Also all the furnishings of said building, consisting of a Bennett-Bretz Player Piano, chairs and all other furniture and appliances in said theater.

Terms of sale: Cash. Given under my hand this 25th day of October, 1921.

ANDREW PRICE, Trustee.  
The above sale is postponed to December 10, 1921.

**Notice**

To the creditors of Wm. Malcomb deceased.

In pursuance to a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Pocahontas made in a cause therein pending to subject the real estate of the said Wm. Malcomb to the payment of his debts, you are required to present your claims against the estate of the said Wm. Malcomb, for adjudication, to J. E. Buckley, Commissioner, at his office in the said County on or before the 10th day of December, 1921.

Witness, D. C. Adkison, Clerk of said Court this 1st day of November, 1921.

D. C. Adkison, Clerk.

**Commissioner's Notice**  
B. B. Beard, Sheriff of Pocahontas County Administrator of William Malcomb, deceased.

Mary J. Malcomb, and others.  
Pursuant to authority vested in the undersigned Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia by its decretal order pronounced on the 20th day of October, 1921 in the above styled cause I shall proceed at my office in the Town of Marlinton, West Virginia on the 16th day of December, 1921, to take state and report to Court the following matters of account, to wit:

First. What personal property belonged to Wm. Malcomb at the date of his death.

Second. What real estate belonged to Wm. Malcomb at the date of his death and the value thereof.

Third. What debts are due and owing by the defendant C. C. Malcomb to whom, amounts thereof, and their priorities.

Fourth. What debts are properly chargeable against the estate of Wm. Malcomb and the amounts of each, to whom, and their respective priorities.

At which time and place any party in interest may attend.  
J. E. Buckley, Commissioner.

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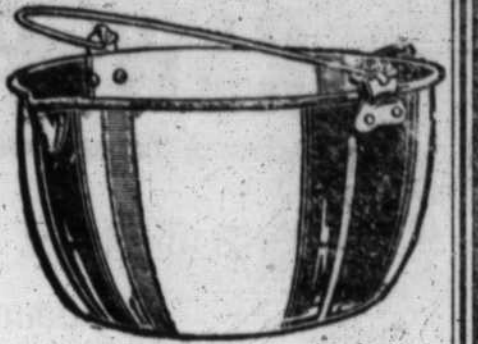
And again all Pocahontas County will get the opportunity to Aluminize its kitchens with pure aluminum utensils of heavy gauge made by a dependable maker. Perhaps you are one of those who were disappointed—who missed the sensational offerings of the last sale—so now is your time to share, to save as you never saved before on good, sound aluminum utensils. Take one, tip-think of the gifts you intend to give to your many housekeeper friends and settle the Christmas problem right in this sale.

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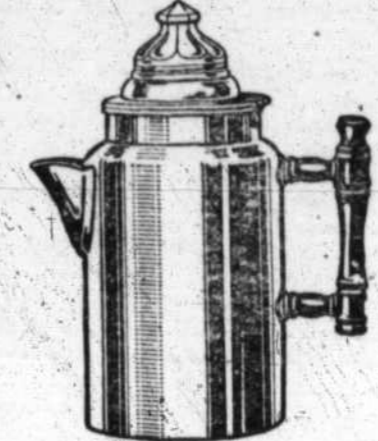


No. 1—6 qt Tea Kettle 1.00

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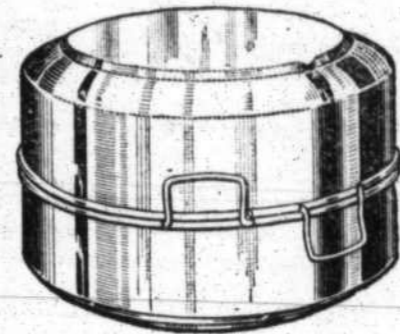
No. 2—2 qt. Percolator 1.00



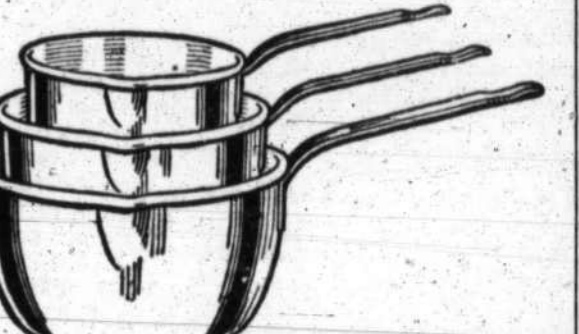
No. 7—2 qt Double Boiler 1.00

- No. 1 6 qt. Tea Kettle
- No. 3 10-inch Roaster
- No. 4 4-qt. Windsor Kettle
- No. 5 6-qt. Sauce Pan

- No. 6 3-piece Sauce Pan Set
- No. 7 2-qt Double Boiler
- No. 8 8-qt. Preserving Kettle
- No. 9 10-qt Dish Pan
- No. 10 4-qt. Windsor sauce pan



No. 3—1-in Roaster 1.00



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**Notice To Stockholders**

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of the Marlinton and Stony Creek Mutual Telephone Company will be held at Pine Grove School house, Onoto, W. Va., on Saturday, January 7, 1922, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers and board of directors, and performing any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

This 6th day of December 1921.  
Geo. A. C. Aldridge, Secretary.

The second meeting of Hosterman Literary Society was held December 2nd, with a very good attendance considering weather conditions. Being as it is a rural community and on account of heavy rainfall, some of the pupils were unable to be present which was somewhat of a drawback on the program. Excellent behavior was highly appreciated.

The next meeting will consist of a Christmas program and will be held Saturday night, Dec. 24. Patrons and those interested in the school are especially invited.

**BOX SUPPER**

There will be a box social at the Hosterman school house on Saturday night, December 10th, at 7:30. Every one is cordially invited to come and help us and enjoy themselves. Proceeds for helping to bear financial side of a Xmas tree for pupils.

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